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MARINE MAMMALS

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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER TO DR. V. A. ZEMSKY, CHIEF, LABORATORY OF MARINE MAMMALS, VNIRO, 17 KRASNOSEL' SKAYA, WITH COPIES TO DR. I. V. NIKONOROV, DIRECTOR, GLAVRYBVOD, MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, AND DR. YU. KAZAKOV, HYDROMET.

2. JUNE 5, 1978 02.05-61

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CHIEF, LABORATORY OF MARINE MAMMALS
17 KRASNOSEL' SKAYA
MOSCOW B-140, USSR

DEAR DR. ZEMSKY:

US EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PIERRE SHOSTAL, IN HIS LETTER OF MAY 4 TO DR. KAZAKOV, EXTENDED AN INVITATION FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF ONE SOVIET SCIENTIST IN THE SEPTEMBER 1978 CONFERENCE ON ODONTOCETE AGING. THIS VISIT WOULD BE ON THE "SENDING

SIDE PAYS" BASIS AND I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT FUNDING SUPPORT HAS NOW BEEN OBTAINED. THE SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION HAS AGREED TO PAY TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR DR. KLEVEZAL' TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA, SEPTEMBER 5-19, 1978. A LETTER FROM DR. PERRIN (CONFERENCE CONVENER) TO DR. KLEVEZAL' WILL FOLLOW WITH DETAILS.

TURNING TO ANOTHER SUBJECT, OUR DELEGATION TO THE MARINE MAMMAL PROJECT MEETINGS IN ULAN-UDE WILL BE COMPOSED OF EIGHT SPECIALISTS: DRS. R. V. MILLER, W. F. PERRIN, G. Y. HARRY, R. L. BROWNELL, R. ELSNER, F. H. FAY, J. J. BURNS, AND MRS. JOYCE BURNS. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ARRIVAL PLANS FOR THOSE US SPECIALISTS WHO WILL ARRIVE VIA MOSCOW OR LENINGRAD:

1. DR. ROBERT ELSNER WILL ARRIVE IN LENINGRAD ON JUNE 29 ON FINNAIR 712 AT 1615 TO MEET WITH SCIENTISTS AT THE ZOOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. HE WILL TRAVEL TO MOSCOW ON JULY 1 ON SU 2426, ARRIVING AT 1625.

2. DR. GEORGE HARRY WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON JUNE 30 ON SU 581 AT 1725.

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3. DRS. W. F. PERRIN AND R. V. MILLER WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON JULY 1 ON SU 142 AT 1600.

4. DR. ROBERT BROWNELL WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON JULY 1 FROM LONDON ON BRITISH AIRWAYS 007 AT 1710.

ALL FIVE OF THE ABOVE SPECIALISTS HAVE OPEN TICKETS AS FAR AS IRKUTSK. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT YOU MAKE APPROPRIATE RESERVATIONS FROM MOSCOW TO IRKUTSK. IN ADDITION, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR TRAVEL FROM IRKUTSK TO ULAN-UDE, SINCE IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO DO SO FROM HERE.

THE OTHER GROUP OF THREE PEOPLE WILL BE MADE UP OF DRS. FRANCIS FAY AND JOHN BURNS, AND MRS. JOYCE BURNS, WHO WILL ALL ARRIVE FROM ALASKA THROUGH JAPAN TO KHABAROVSK ON THE 29TH, AND WILL CONTINUE ON TO IRKUTSK ON SU 34 ON JUNE 30. IN IRKUTSK, THEY PLAN TO AWAIT THE ARRIVAL OF THE REST OF THE DELEGATION. ALL THREE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARRIVING AT KHABAROVSK SPEAK RUSSIAN AND WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE CONNECTIONS IN KHABAROVSK WITHOUT BEING MET. THEY WILL, HOWEVER, NEED HOTEL ROOMS BOTH IN KHABAROVSK AND IRKUTSK, AND WILL NEED TO BE MET IN IRKUTSK IN ORDER TO MAKE CONNECTIONS FOR THEIR TRAVEL TO ULAN-UDE.

BECAUSE IT WILL BE MUCH MORE ECONOMICAL FOR ALL 8 DELEGATES TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES VIA JAPAN, WE PLAN TO DEPART

THE USSR FROM IRKUTSK TO KHABAROVSK ON SU 33 ON JULY 12,
OVERNIGHT IN KHABAROVSK, AND LEAVE KHABAROVSK FOR NIIGATA,
JAPAN, ON SU 695 ON JULY 14. I WILL ASSUME THESE ARRANGE-
MENTS ARE SATISFACTORY IF I DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU BY JUNE 12.

SINCE WE WILL ALL BE LEAVING EASTWARD TO KHABAROVSK, I WOULD
LIKE AGAIN TO REQUEST A TWO DAY VISIT TO THE TINRO MARINE
MAMMAL RESEARCH LABORATORY AT MAGADAN. THE PURPOSE OF THE
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VISIT WILL BE TO EXAMINE THE EXTENSIVE SKULL AND OTHER
OSTEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS OF RINGED, RIBBON, HARBOR, SPOTTED,
AND BEARDED SEALS THERE, AND TO DISCUSS THE RESEARCH PRO-
GRAMS BEING CONDUCTED AT THE LABORATORY WITH RESIDENT SCI-
ENTISTS. IF SUCH A TRIP CAN BE ARRANGED FOR JULY 12 OR 13,
WE WOULD ALTER THE REMAINDER OF OUR FLIGHT SCHEDULE ACCORD-
INGLY.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE AGENDA TOPICS PROPOSED BY THE UNITED
STATES SIDE:

CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR JOINT WORK OR EXCHANGES:

1. BOWHEAD WHALES - THE US SIDE PROPOSES THAT JOINT SIGHT-
ING SURVEY WORK BE DONE ON BOTH THE US AND SOVIET SIDES OF
THE BERING SEA. THERE SHOULD BE PARTICIPATION BY SCIENTISTS
FROM EACH SIDE ON RESPECTIVE SURVEYS.
2. CAPTURE, HUSBANDRY, AND MAINTENANCE OF MARINE MAMMALS
FOR RESEARCH AND PUBLIC DISPLAY - THREE SOVIET SPECIALISTS
TO VISIT HUBBS-SEA WORLD IN SAN DIEGO IN MID-SEPTEMBER FOR
DISCUSSION OF FUTURE EFFORTS.
3. ODONTOCETE AGING WORKSHOP, SEPTEMBER 1978 - ONE SOVIET
SPECIALIST TO ATTEND, AND DISCUSSION OF CURRENT PLANS.
4. PHYSIOLOGY STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA - THE US
SIDE REITERATES ITS INVITATION FOR ONE SOVIET SPECIALIST TO
WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA WITH DR. ELSNER FOR APPROXI-
MATELY ONE MONTH IN AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1979. APPROPRIATE
SUBJECT MATTER IS DIVING PHYSIOLOGY AND BIOENERGETICS.
5. GRAY WHALES - THE US SIDE REQUESTS DEVELOPMENT OF A
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STUDY ON MORPHOLOGY, FOOD HABITS, REPRODUCTIVE RATES, ETC.,
INVOLVING PARTICIPATION OF TWO US SCIENTISTS ON A SOVIET
GRAY WHALE CATCHER VESSEL IN 1979.

6. WALRUS ROOKERY STUDIES - US PROPOSES JOINT COMPARATIVE

WORK ON BEHAVIOR OF WALRUS ON ROOKERIES ON BOTH THE US AND SOVIET SIDES OF THE BERING AND CHUKCHI SEAS IN 1979 (E.G., WRANGEL ISLAND AND ROUND ISLAND). TO INVOLVE PARTICIPATION OF UP TO TWO SCIENTISTS FROM EACH SIDE IN THE RESPECTIVE STUDIES.

7. RINGED SEAL - THE US PROPOSES A JOINT STUDY OF HIGH ARCTIC RINGED SEALS IN THE BEAUFORT AND CHUKCHI SEAS AND INVITES ONE OR TWO SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN WORK IN ALASKA. WE ALSO PROPOSE WORK ON SUBSISTENCE HUNTING VILLAGES ALONG THE SOVIET CHUKCHI SEA COAST DURING THE WINTER PERIOD, 1979 AND 1980.

8. DOLPHIN SURVEYS - US INVITES TWO SOVIET SCIENTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN AERIAL AND/OR VESSEL SURVEYS IN THE EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC PELAGIC AND COASTAL REGIONS DURING 4TH QUARTER OF 1978 AND FIRST 3 QUARTERS OF 1979. THE AERIAL SURVEY REQUIRES ACTUAL PARTICIPATION AS AN OBSERVER/ENUMERATOR FROM NOVEMBER 1978 INTO MARCH 1979; THE VESSEL SURVEY REQUIRES PARTICIPATION MID-DECEMBER 1978 TO END OF FEBRUARY 1979. THE COASTAL SURVEYS ARE FOR SHORTER PERIODS IN SPRING AND FALL 1979.

9. BELUKHA WHALES - THE US INVITES ONE OR TWO SOVIET SCIENTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN BELUKHA WHALE INVESTIGATIONS IN THE COOK INLET REGION OF ALASKA DURING THE 2ND AND 3RD QUARTERS OF 1979.

10. SEA OTTERS - THE US PROPOSES JOINT STUDIES ON MARKING, POPULATION BIOLOGY OR COMMUNITY ECOSYSTEM STUDIES OF SEA OTTERS. THIS STUDY WOULD INVOLVE EXCHANGE OF UP TO TWO UNCLASSIFIED

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SOVIET AND TWO US SCIENTISTS FOR JOINT WORK IN ALASKA AND CALIFORNIA AND ON THE COMMANDORSKI ISLANDS IN THE BERING SEA

11. BAIKAL AND CASPIAN SEALS - WITH REFERENCE TO THE MEMORANDUM OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF NOVEMBER 1977, THE US PROPOSES A JOINT STUDY OF THE POPULATION DYNAMICS OF BAIKAL AND CASPIAN SEALS AS PART OF A LARGER COMPARATIVE STUDY OF PINNIPED POPULATION DYNAMICS; THIS STUDY WOULD INVOLVE FIELD STUDIES ON THESE TWO SPECIES IN THE USSR BY ONE US SCIENTIST IN 1979.

12. PORPOISE - THE US PROPOSES JOINT COMPARATIVE STUDIES OF EXPLOITED POPULATIONS OF DOLPHINS IN THE BLACK SEA AND EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC TO INCLUDE BIOLOGICAL STUDIES OR REPRODUCTION AND GROWTH RATES, POPULATION DYNAMICS, ETC. TO INVOLVE EXCHANGE OF DATA AND SCIENTISTS TO WORK AT LABORATORIES IN THE BLACK SEA AND AT LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA.

13. HARBOR SEALS AND SEA LIONS - THE US PROPOSES JOINT

STUDIES ON HARBOR SEALS AND SEA LIONS WHICH COULD COMMENCE
IN 1979 WITH PARTICIPATION OF ONE OR TWO SOVIET SCIENTISTS
TO WORK WITH US SCIENTISTS IN SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. JOINT COMPENDIUM, VOL. I, PINNIPEDS. (ABSOLUTE DEADLINE
FOR PAPERS IS NOVEMBER 1.) SUBSEQUENT VOLUMES?
2. CONVENTION ON MARINE MAMMALS. THE CURRENT STATUS.
3. EXCHANGE OF HARVEST DATA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1977.
4. EXCHANGE OF CURRENT REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE TAKING
OF MARINE MAMMALS.

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5. EXCHANGE OF RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND LISTS OF PERTINENT
LITERATURE.
6. FORMATS AND STATUS OF CATALOGS OF OSTEOLOGICAL COLLEC-
TIONS OF PINNIPEDS.
7. DISCUSSION OF PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR COLLECTIONS IN OUR
RESPECTIVE 200-MILE FISHERY MANAGEMENT ZONES.
8. CONTINUATION OF PROGRAMS ON SPECIES FOR WHICH THERE ARE
CURRENT JOINT RESEARCH EFFORTS.

- A. CETACEAN COLOR PATTERN MORPHOLOGY (EVANS AND YABLOKOV).
- B. WALRUS SURVEY - 1980?
- C. ICE SEALS AND HARBOR SEALS - BERING SEA (BURNS, FAY,
FEDOSEEV, GOLTSEV).
- D. -MALL CETACEAN MORPHOPHYSIOLOGY (PERRIN AND SOKOLOV).

9. RESEARCH ON CAPTIVE LIVING ANIMALS.

10. POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS (AN ATTEMPT TO DETER-
MINE THE EXTENT OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND POSSIBILITIES FOR
FUTURE JOINT RESEARCH).

SPECIES AND DISCIPLINES OF PROBABLE INTEREST:

- A. DALL'S PORPOISE.
- B. POPULATION ASSESSMENT - SMALL CETACEANS AND PINNIPEDS.
- C. MORPHOLOGY.
- D. PHYSIOLOGY.
- E. BIOENERGETICS.
- F. TROPHIC RELATIONSHIPS.
- G. MARINE MAMMAL/FISHERY INTERACTIONS, PARTICULARLY SEA
LIONS.
- H. ECOSYSTEM STUDIES.

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I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON.

R. V. MILLER VANCE

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